

**Control System pursuing to Art. 16 of Reg. No. 1080/2006 (“First level control”)
for transnational and network programmes in Austria
(brief description)**

Austria has set up a decentralized First Level Control system with the following characteristics:

- a) The control tasks are carried out by an appropriate body of the responsible **federal ministry**, if bodies who participate in the programme as beneficiaries are under their authority, act on behalf of them or are predominantly co-financed by them.
- b) The control tasks are carried out by an appropriate body of the responsible **Land**, if bodies who participate in the programme as beneficiaries are under their authority, act on behalf of them or are predominantly co-financed by them.
- c) As regards all other beneficiaries (who are not under the authority of the Republic of Austria or a *Land*, are not acting on behalf of them or are not predominantly co-financed by them) the responsibility for the control lies with the **Austrian Federal Chancellery**.

The bodies mentioned under a) – c) can assign qualified external controllers to carry out – under the supervision and ultimate responsibility of the abovementioned public bodies - the operative implementation of the control. The costs resulting from the control may be reported as eligible costs in compliance with the relevant EU-regulations and programme rules.

For **transnational, interregional and network programmes under the European territorial cooperation objective (ETC)** the Austrian Federal Chancellery pursuant to national law (Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the *Länder* pursuant to Art. 15a of the Federal Constitutional Act on the Management and Control System in Austria for the Structural Funds in the period of 2007-2013) is the so called “**coordinating control body**” which is assigned to coordinate the control tasks and to serve as contact for the relevant managing authorities, certifying authorities and audit authorities.

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